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SUBJECT: UN WATER CONFERENCE, MAR DEL PLATA, MARCH 14-25, 1977

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1. SEPTTEL PROVIDE REPLY TO REFTTEL (B) RE ADMINISTRATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE.

2. S&T AND ADMIN COUNSELORS HAD GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON OF CONFERENCE
OVER LUNCH WITH CONFAGUA PRESIDENT JAUREGUI AND INCYTH PRESIDENT
PEREZ.

3. OFFICIAL LINE CONCERNING CANO RESIGNATION IS THAT HE RESIGNED
AND JAUREGUI HAS BEEN NAMED TO REPLACE HIM PERIOD. CONFERENCE
CONTINUES TO HAVE FULL BACKING OF GOA. COMMITTEE (CONFAGUA) HAS
BROAD REPRESENTATION WITHIN GOA, INCLUDING ARMED FORCES REP.
RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFERENCE SECURITY. WHEN WE PRESSED A BIT, WE
GAINED IMPRESSION THAT CANO'S RESIGNATION WAS PRECIPITATED BY
ISSUE OF THE EXPOSITION. GOA DECISION TO CANCEL WAS PRAGMATIC;
THEY RECOGNIZED THAT TIME HAD GROWN TOO SHORT TO PROPERLY
ORGANIZE IT, AND BECAUSE GOA WAS "SERIOUS" ABOUT CONFERENCE,
AND ABOVE ALL WANTS IT TO BE A SUCCESS, ELECTED TO CANCEL THE
EXPOSITION.

4. JAUREGUI WILL BE COORDINATING WITH U.N. CONCERNING MEETING
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ARRANGEMENTS AND TELLS US HE WILL TRAVEL TO NEW YORK AT END

OF THIS MONTH TO CONFER WITH MAGEED AND OLIVER.

5. JAUREGUI DEFINITELY EXPECTS TO HEAD ARGENTINE DEL TO CONFERENCE. ON QUESTION OF CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY, HE IS NOT RPT NOT SO CLEAR, HOWEVER. UNLIKE CANO, HE TELLS US HE HAS NO RPT NO PERSONAL ASPIRATIONS TO BECOME PRESIDENT. IN FACT, HE HINTED POSSIBILITY OF CANO'S CANDIDACY. COMMENT: JAUREGUI CLEARLY LACKS THE VAST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE OF CANO. HE IS AN ENGINEER AND TENDS TO BE STRAIGHTFORWARD AND HONEST IN HIS APPROACH, CONTRASTED WITH THE LAWYER-DIPLOMAT STYLE OF CANO. JAUREGUI IS ALSO BASICALLY MORE FRIENDLY TO THE U.S., THOUGH IN A PINCH WOULD OF COURSE PLACE ARGENTINA'S INTERESTS OVER OURS.

6. JAUREGUI CLEARLY EXPECTS QUESTION OF PANAMA CANAL WATER RESOURCES TO BE RAISED IN MAR DEL PLATA, AS IT WAS IN LIMA. US DEL SHOULD BE WELL PREPARED ON THIS ISSUE.

7. JAUREGUI EXPECTS BRAZILIANS TO ATTEND, AND PROBABLY EN MASSE.
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